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St. Paul Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project Begins September 3, 2013

Project expected to be completed by June 2014

Beginning Tuesday, September 3, the City of Milwaukee will rehabilitate the St. Paul bridge which spans the Milwaukee River. The rehab work includes:

- Replacement of the steel lift span
- New concrete deck at approach spans
- Sandblasting and painting steel members
- Hydraulic, mechanical and electrical upgrades
- Concrete repairs of abutments and piers, and
- Asphalt paving.

Architectural enhancements include a new bridge house roof, pedestrian railings, and pier planters.

Businesses and agencies in the Historic Third Ward east of the river as well as those located west of the bridge – the Pritzlaff Building, BP gas station, the U. S. Post Office, AMTRAK station, etc. - are open for business during construction. The City's Support for Business program is providing signage throughout the area to help direct motorists and pedestrians to these destinations.

Detour for eastbound traffic on St. Paul Avenue: **Note two-way traffic on a portion of Clybourn St.**

- Turn left (north) onto N. Plankinton
- Turn right (east) onto Clybourn St. – this normally one-way westbound street will now have one lane of traffic flowing eastbound during this project
- Turn right (south) onto N. Water St.
- Turn left (east) onto St. Paul Ave.

Detour for westbound traffic on St. Paul Avenue:

- Turn right (north) onto N. Water St.
- Turn left (west) onto Clybourn St., now a two-way street during the project
- Turn left (south) onto N. 2nd St.
- Turn right (west) onto St. Paul Ave.

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Pedestrians wishing to cross the river will be directed to use the Clybourn St. bridge. The Riverwalk will be accessible except during construction activities for the east bridge span and the east abutment. A navigation channel on the Milwaukee River will remain open for boat traffic during construction.

For more information on the St. Paul bridge project, please go to the DPW website at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/mpw/supportforbusiness/projects/summaries/StPaulBridgeRehabilitation.htm>.

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